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Subject: Re: Comments: Ammocoete FSP
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Good question Joe -

I think we have to recognize this is likely to be the last attempt at catching ammocoetes in the greater ISA is all... Proving the negative is a huge effort. One 'goal' - 'objective' - 'potential inference' - must be that if we don't find ammocoetes, we can't find out how to catch 'em & maybe they aren't resident in the ISA in substantial numbers (given the level of effort expended)...

"One of our overall objectives is to definitively determine if ammocoetes are residing within the ISA"

We may have to make a working conclusion about residency in order to move forward is all I'm saying...

I'm going down to Portland tonight, so I'll see you tomorrow @ TCT or managers meeting. Ron

Ron

Goulet.Joe@epamail.epa.gov wrote:

> Ron,

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> I may be out of place here by commenting on a draft trustee letter, but...

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> We have not identified ammocoete residency as an objective of this sampling. I would agree that if we do not find many ammocoetes, it may indicate no residency, but the objective of this sampling is to collect and analyze the tissue we can collect. No conclusions about residency will be made.

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> I think to disprove residency would be a much larger effort.

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> Call me if you want to talk more about this.

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> Joe

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> Attached is a draft comment letter from the Portland Trustees. If I
> have captured the issues, this should be near final... (draft final
> now...)
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> If y'all (trustees) have problems please then to me co I can finalize
> our letter. We can also work it out on a call this week to allow
> approval by friday. Hopefully then we can get into the field next week.
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> Rob Neely has the schedule floating around for trustee participation
> (Patti & Tim have responded)
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> Ron
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> Ron Gouguet wrote:
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>> Hi all:
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>> We've just rec'd this FSP with a deadline of September 8, 2006 (7
>> working days out). How quickly can we look it over and schedule a
>> call? Maybe Friday 9/1 or or Monday 9/4? Try to assemble any
>> concern so we can get thru the list.
>> Please, if you have a dog in the ammocoete hunt, respond with your
>> availability on the suggested (or other?) dates. OK?
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>> Ron
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> (See attached file: Ammocoete-bb-9-06-Review.doc)